Anno. xiiii. Reginæ Elizabethe.

At the parliament begunne and holden

at Westminster the eight of May, in the. xiiii. yeere of the raigne of our most gracious soueraigne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God, of Englande, Fraunce, and Ireland, Queene, defendour of the faith, &c. and there continued vntyll the last of Iune folowyng. To the high pleasure of almightie God, and the weale publique of this Realme, were enacted as followeth.

1572.

The Table.

1 An acte for the punyshment of suche as shall rebelliously take or deteyne, or conspire to take or deteyne from the Queenes Maiestie, any of her Castles, Townes, Fortresses, Holdes, &c.

2 An acte agaynst suche as shall conspyre or practise the enlargement of any prisoner committed for high treason.

3 An acte agaynst the forgyng and counterfeytyng of forraigne coigne, beyng not current within this Realme.

4 An act to reuiue a statute made Anno primo of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, inhibiting the carying of leather, talow, and rawe hydes out of this Realme.

5 An act for the punishment of vacaboundes, and for the releefe of the poore and impotent.

6 An acte for the explanation of a statute made against fugitiues ouer the Seas, in the xiii. yeere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne.

7 An acte against the deceiptes of vnder Collectours of the tenthes and Subsidies of the Cleargie.

8 An acte for the auoyding of recoueries suffered by collusion by tenantes for terme of lyfe, and suche others.

9 An acte declaryng that the tenant and defendaunt may haue a tales de circumstantibus, as well as the demaundaunt or plantiffe.

10 An act to reforme the excessiue length of Garters.

11 An acte for the continuation, explanation, perfityng, and enlargyng of diuers statutes.

12 An acte for the repeale of a statute made Anno. viii. of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, touchyng the Towne of Shrewesbury.

13 An acte for the annexing of Hexam and Hexamshyre to the Countie of Northumberlande.

Regine Elizabethe. Cap. i.

An Act for the punishment of ſuche as ſhall rebelliouſly take or deteyne, or conſpire to take or deteine from the Queenes Maieſtie, any of her Caſtles, Towres, Fortreſſes, Holdes, &c.

Chapter. i.

FOR the better auoydyng of all ſuche vnlawefull practiſes, ſecrete conſpiracies, and deuiſes, as lately haue been styrred and mooued by ſome euyl diſpoſed perſons, againſt our moſte gracious Soueraigne Ladye the Queene, in ſeekyng by falſe conſpiracies, and vndue meanes, to ſurpryſe and take from her Maieſtie ſome of her Caſtles, Towres, Fortreſſes, Shyppes, Ordinaunces, Artillerie, and other munitions of warre: Be it enacted by the Queenes moſte excellent Maieſtie, with thaſſent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that if any perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, at anye tyme hereafter doo, within this Realme, or els where, vnlawfully, & of his or theyr owne auctoritie compaſſe, imagine, conſpire, practiſe, or deuiſe, by any wayes or meanes, with force, or by any craft, deuice, or ſleight, malitiouſlye and rebelliouſly, to take, or deteyne, or keepe from our ſayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene, any of her Caſtles, Towres, Fortreſſes, or Holdes, or malitiouſly and rebelliouſly to raſe, burne, or deſtroy any Caſtle, Bulwarke, or Forte, or any parte of them, hauyng any munition or ordinaunce of the Queenes Maieſties therein, or appoynted to be garded with any ſouldiers for defence thereof within this Realme, or within any of her Maieſties Dominions or countreyes, or the marches of the ſame, and the ſame compaſſes, imaginations, practiſes, conſpiracies, or deuiſes, or

any of them shall, and do aduisedly by any expresse wordes speach, acte, deede, or wrytyng, expresse, vtter, or declare, for any the malitious and rebellious ententes aforesayde, that then euerye suche person and persons, so hereafter offendyng in any the premisses, theyr aydours, counsellours, comforters, consentours, and abettours, knowyng thereof, beyng thereof lawfully conuicted accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, shalbe iudged a felon, and felons, and that euery suche offence shalbe iudged to be felonie, and the offendour and offendours therein, theyr sayd aydours, comforters, counsellours, and abettours, beyng thereof lawfullye conuicted, shal haue and suffer paynes of death, as in cases of felonie, without hauyng anye benefite of Cleargie or Sanctuarie, and also shal forfeyte and loose all his goodes and catelles, landes, and tenementes, as in other cases of felony hath been vsed and accustomed.

And be it further enacted by the auctho*r*itie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, doo at any tyme hereafter with force, malitiouslye and rebelliouslye deteyne, keepe, or withholde, from the Queenes Maiestie, anye of her Castles, Towres, Fortresses, or Holdes, within this Realme, or within any her Maiesties Dominions or Countreyes, or Marches of the same: or doo malitiously, rebelliously, and with force deteyne, keepe, or withholde from her Maiestie, any of her Shyppes, Ordinaunce, Artillerie, or other munitions, or fortifications of warres, and doo not render & geue vp the same to our sayde Soueraigne Lady, or to suche person as her Maiestie shall appoynt to receyue the same to her Maiesties vse, within syxe dayes next after he or they so offendyng, shalbe commaunded by our sayd Soueraigne Lady the Queene, by open proclamations vnder the great Seale of Englande, to be made in any place or market Towne within the Countie where any suche offence shalbe committed, or shall wylfullye, malitiouslye, and rebelliously, burne or destroy, or cause to be burned or destroyed, any of the Queenes Shyps: or malitiouslye, and rebelliously barre, or cause to be barred any hauen within any of the Queenes Maiesties dominions: that then euery such person and persons so offending, theyr aydours, counsellours, and abettours, beyng thereof lawfully conuicte, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, shalbe adiudged traytours, and theyr offences in any the premisses, shalbe accepted, iudged, and taken for hygh treason, and the offenders therein, theyr aydours, counsellours, and abettours, being thereof lawfully conuict according to the lawes of this Realme, shal haue and suffer suche paynes of death, and also shal forfeyte and loose,

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as in caſes of hygh treaſon is limitted and accuſtomed. This acte to endure durying the Queenes Maieſties lyfe that nowe is, one lye.

An Acte agaynſt ſuche

as ſhall conſpire or practiſe the enlargement of any pryſoner committed for hygh *treaſon.*

Chapter.ii.

Or aſmuch as great daunger maye enſue to the Queenes Maieſties perſon, and great trouble to the ſtate of the Realme, by vnlawfull conſpiracies, deuiſes, and imaginations, to enlarge and ſet at libertie ſuche perſons, as be, or ſhalbe committed to anye pryſon, garde, or cuſtodie, for any treaſon, touchyng the royal perſon of our ſayde Soueraigne Ladye: agaynſt whiche deuiſes, conſpiracies, and imaginations, ſufficient remedie by the lawes of this Realme, hath not been heretofore had, ne prouided, vnleſſe the ſame conſpiracies, imaginations, and deuiſes, were executed and brought to effect. Be it therefore enacted by our ſaid Soueraigne Lady the Queene, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this Parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that yf any perſon or perſons, at any tyme after the ende of this preſent ſeſſion of Parliament, ſhal imagine, conſpire, deuiſe, inuent, or goe about vnlawfully and malitiouſly, to enlarge, or ſet at libertie, any perſon or perſons, committed, or to be committed to any pryſon, garde, or cuſtodie, by her highneſſe eſpeciall commaundement, for any treaſon, or ſuſpition of treaſon, concerning the perſon of our ſaid Soueraigne Lady the Queene,

before any inditemente of suche person so sought or intended to be set at large, or libertie, as is aforesayde, and the same conspiracies, imaginations, deuises, or inuentions, shall by expresse woordes, wrytyng, or other matter, or acte, expressly or manyfestly, set foorth, vtter, or declare: that then euery person so offendyng, shal incurre the penaltie and forfeyture of myspryslon of treason, and that all and euerye offence and offences to be committed and doone, as is aforesaide, shalbe deemed and taken for mispriſion of treason.

And be it also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that if any person or persons, at any tyme after the end of this present session of Parliament, shal imagine, conspire, deuise, inuent, or go about vnlawfully and malitiously, to enlarge or set at libertie, any person or persons, committed, or to be committed to any pryson, gard, or custodye, beyng, or whiche hereafter shalbe indited of any treason, in any wyse concerning the person of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queene, and the same conspiracies, imaginations, deuises, or inuentions, shal by expresse woordes, wrytyng, or other matter, or acte, expressly or manyfestly set foorth, vtter, or declare: that then euery suche person so offendyng, shalbe deemed and adiudged a felon, and suffer, loose, and forfeyte, as in cases of felonie, by the due course of the lawes of this Realme.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, at any tyme after thend of this present session of Parliament, shal imagine, conspire, deuise, inuent, or goe about vnlawfully and malitiously to enlarge, or set at libertie anye person or persons, beyng committed to any pryson, garde, or custodie, after the same person or persons, is, or shalbe attaynted or conuicted of any treason, in any wyse concernyng the royall person of our sayde Soueraigne Ladie the Queene, and the same conspiracies, imaginations, deuises, or inuentions, shall by expresse woordes, wrytyng, matter, or acte, as is aforesaid, set foorth, vtter, or declare: that then euery such person so offending, shalbe deemed and adiudged an hygh traytour, and shal suffer, loose, and forfeyte, as in cases of hygh treason by the lawes & statutes of this realme. This act to endure duryng the Queenes Maiesties lyfe that now is, onely.

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Regine Elizabethe. Cap.iii.

An Act againſt the forging *and counterfeyting of forraigne coygne, be-* ing not currant within this Realme.

Chapter.iii.

Oraſmuch as by the lawes or ſtatutes of this Realme, ſmall or no condigne punithment is at this time prouided, for ſuche euyll diſpoſed perſons, as ſhall counterfeyte or forge ſuche kynde of golde or ſiluer of other Realmes, as is not the proper coyne of this Realme, nor currraunt in payment within this Realme: by reaſon whereof, diuers euyll diſpoſed perſons, as well without this Realme, as within, are encouraged & boldened dayly to counterfeyte or forge ſuch kynde of golde and ſyluer, and vtter the ſame in this Realme, in great deceit of her Maieſties ſubiectes. Be it enacted by our ſayde ſoueraigne Lady the Queene, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporal, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the auctho:itie of the ſame, that yf any perſon or perſons hereafter falſly forge or counterfayte any ſuch kind of coygne of golde or ſyluer, as is not the proper coygne of this Realme, nor permitted to be currraunt within this realme: that then euery ſuch offence ſhalbe deemed and iudged miſpriſion of high treaſon, and the offendours therein, theyr procurers, aydours, and abettours, beyng conuicte accordyng to the lawes of this Realme of ſuche offences ſhalbe impriſoned, and forfeyte ſuche landes, goodes, and chattelles, as in caſes of miſpriſion of treaſon, for conceilement of hygh treaſon.

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Cap.iiii. Anno.xiiii.

¶ An act to reuiue a ſtatute made Anno primo of the Queenes Maieſties raigne, inhabiting the carying of leather, tallowe, and rawe hydes out of the Realme.

Chapter.iiii.

Here in the parliament begunne at weſtminſter the. xxiii. day of January, in the firſte yeere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſty, there was one very good acte and ſtatute made, prohibiting the tranſporting and carying of leather, rawe hydes, and tallowe out of this Realme, entituled, An act that the conueying of leather, tallowe, or rawe hydes out of the Realme for merchaundize, ſhalbe felonie: whiche acte and ſtatute was made to continue but for a certayne tyme, & nowe is expired and determined, for want of continuaunce at the laſt parliament. And for as much as by experience it hath wel appeared, that ſince the determination of the ſayde good lawe and ſtatute, there hath ben, and yet dayly is ſuche great tranſportation of leather, rawe hydes, and tallowe, out of this Realme, that thereby great ſcarſitie and dearth thereof is nowe growen amonges the Queenes Maieſties moſt louyng and obedient ſubiectes, and ſpecially amonges thoſe of the pooreſt ſorte, who are nowe compelled to pay for theyr bootes and ſhoes almoſte double the price that they dyd before the determination of the ſayde good lawe and ſtatute. For remedie whereof, be it enacted by the Queenes moſte excellent Maieſtie, with thaſſent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that the ſayd acte and ſtatute made in the ſayd Parliament, begunne the ſayde. xxiii. day of January, in the ſayde firſt yeere, entituled as is beforeſayde, and all and euery braunche, article,

article, clause, and sentence therein conteyned, shall from and after the feast day of Saint Bartholomewe the postle next comming, be reuiued, and stand and be in full force and effect, for and duryng the space of seuen yeeres then next folowyng, and also after the end of the sayd seuen yeeres, then to the end of the nert parliament, next folowing the end and determination of the sayd seuen yeeres, anythyng heretofore had made, doone, or suffered to the contrary thereof, notwithstandyng.

An Act for the punishment of vacabounde, and for the relefe of the poore and impotent.

Chapter. v.

WHere all the partes of this Realme of Englande and Wales, be presently with roges, vacabondes, & sturdie beggers, exceedingly pestered, by meanes wherof dayly happeneth in the same Realme horrible murders, theftes, & other great outrages, to the hygh displeasure of almighty GOD, and to the great anoy of the common weale: and for auoydyng confusion by reason of numbers of lawes, concernyng the premisses, standyng in force togeather: Be it enacted, that the statute made in the .xxii. yeere of the raigne of the late kyng Henry the eyght, entituled, An acte concernyng aged, poore, and impotent persons, compelled to lyue by labues, howe they shalbe ordered, and howe vacabounde & mightie strong beggers shalbe punished: and one other act, entituled, An acte touchyng the punishment of vacabounde, and other idle persons, made in the third & fourth yeeres of the raigne of the late kyng Edward the .vi. and one other act made in the fifth yeere of the raigne of our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, entituled, An

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acte for the releefe of the poore, and euery braunche, article, clause, and sentence in them, and euery of them contayned, shalbe from and after the feast of Saint Bartholomewe thapostle next comming, vtterly voyde, frustrate, and of none effect.

Be it also enacted by thauctoritie of this present Parliament, as well for the vtter suppressing of the sayd outragious enimies to the common weale, as for the charitable relieuing of the aged and impotent poore people, in maner and forme following, that is to say, that al and euery person and persons whatsoeuer they be, beyng aboue the age of fourteene yeeres, beyng hereafter set foorth by this acte of Parliament to be roges, vacabondes, or sturdie beggers, and be at any tyme after the feast of S. Bartholomewe thapostle next comming, taken begging in any part of this Realme, or taken vagrant, wandring, and miso[r]deryng themselues, contrary to the purport of this present act of parliament, in any part of the same, shall vpon their apprehention be brought before one of the Justices of the peace, or Maior, or cheefe officer of Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, within the Countie, Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate where the apprehencion shal happen to be, and by the sayd Justice or head officer to be presently committed to the common gaole of the sayde Countie, beyng apprehended within the Countie, or els suche other place as by the Justices of peace of that Countie, or three of them, at anye their generall Sessions shalbe appoynted: and if he be taken within any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, then to be committed to the prison of the sayd Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, there to remayne without bayle or mayneprise, but vntil the next sessions of the peace, or generall gaole deliuerie for the sayde Shyre, Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, to be holden, whiche shall first happen: and the Constables, or other officers, for the conueying of suche roge or vacabounde by commaundement of the sayde Justices, to haue suche reasonable charges for them selues and the prisoner, from tyme to tyme, borne by the parishe or parishes where the sayde roge or vacabounde shall happen to be taken, as to the discretion of the Justices of peace present at the next assises, or at the sessions of the peace then next kept within the limit where the prisoner is apprehended, shall seeme conuenient. At which sessions or gaole deliuerie, vntil suche person or persons be duely conuict of his or her rogishe or vacabounde trade of lyfe, eyther by inquest of office, or by the testimonie of two honest & credible witnesses vpon their othes: that then immediatly he or she shalbe adiudged to be greeuously whypped, and burnt through the gristle of the ryght eare, with a

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hot iron of the compaſſe of an ynche about, manifeſting his or her rogyshe hynde of lyfe, and his or her punishment receaued for the ſame, wherof entrie ſhalbe made of Recorde by the Clarke of the peace of the ſame Shire, in the Recordes of the ſame Seſſions, whiche iudgement ſhall alſo preſently be executed, excepte ſome honeſt perſon, valued at the laſt ſubſidie nexte before that tyme to fyue poundes in goodes, or twentie ſhyllynges in landes, or elſe ſome ſuche honeſt houſholder, as by the Juſtices of the peace of the ſame Countie, or two of them, ſhalbe allowed, wyll of his charitie be contented preſently to take ſuche offendour before the ſame Juſtices into his ſeruice for one whole yeere next folowyng, and to that ende, will preſently before the ſayde Juſtices enter into bond by recognisaunce, to thuſe of our ſoueraigne Lady the Queene, to pay to our ſayde ſoueraigne Lady, the ſumme of fyue poundes, yf he keepeth not the ſayde offendour in his ſeruice by the ſpace of the ſayde whole yeere, and to bring hym or her vnto the ſeſſions at the yeeres ende, or then good proofe of his or her death duryng the ſayde yeere, the ſayde Clarke of the peace taking for the ſayde recognisaunce but .xii. d. onely. And yf ſuche roge or vacabounde ſo taken into ſeruice, depart within the ſayde yeere from the ſayde ſeruice, againſt the wyll of him that ſo taketh hym or her into ſeruice: that then ſuche roge or vacabounde ſhalbe whypped and burnt through the gryſtle of the ryght eare with a hot iron, as is afore ſayde.

Prouided alwayes neuertheleſſe, that yf the ſayde perſon ſo committed, or to be committed, come before the next ſeſſions of the peace, or the next gaole deliuerie, to be holden for the ſayde Countie, or before their commyttyng, and doo fynde ayre ſuche ſuretie as is next before recited, to be bounde in fourme aforeſayd, for hym or her for one whole yeere: then the ſayde perſon ſhal not tarry in the gaole tyll the nexte ſeſſions, or tyll the nexte gaole deliuerie.

And be it further enacted, that the ſayde perſon or perſons ſo marked, or adiudged to be burnt, as aforeſayde, ſhall not be dealte withal againe by way of punishment by the ſpace of fourtie dayes next after the ſayde punyſhment executed, or adiudged to be burnt as is aforeſayde, yf he or ſhe haue licence for the ſayde fourtie dayes from two Juſtices of the peace of the ſame Shyre, teſtifying the punishment receaued, or iudgement geuen: but if after the ſayde punishment executed, or iudgement geuen, the ſayde perſon or perſons ſo marked, or hauyng receaued ſuche iudgement, do after threeſcore dayes next after he, ſhe, or they ſhall be ſo marked,

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eyther in the same Countie where he or she was so marked, or hauyng receaued suche iudgement, or els in any other Countie within the sayde Realme of Englande or Wales, beyng of the age of eyghteene yeeres or aboue, do eftsoones fal agayne to any kynde of rogilhe, or vacabounde trade of lyfe: that then the sayd roge, vacabounde, or sturdie begger, from thencefoorth to be taken, adiudged, and deemed, in all respectes as a felon, and shall in all degrees receaue, haue, suffer, and forfayte as a felon, except some honest person valued at the last Subsidie next before that tyme to tenne pounides in goodes, or fortie shillinges in landes, or els some suche honest Houlholder, as by the Justices of the peace of the same Countie, or two of them shalbe alowed, of meere charitie wyll be contented before suche Justices, as the sayde vacabounde is or shalbe arraigned of felonie, to take hym or her into his seruice for two whole yeeres then next followyng, and then before the same Justices, wyll then presently put in bonde by recognisaunce of ten pounides, to be leuyed of his landes, tenementes, goodes, and cattels, to thuse of our sayd soueraigne Lady, yf he keepeth not the sayd offendour in his seruice for two whole yeeres, and bring him or her into the sessions at the sayd two yeeres ende, or good proofe of his or her death. And yf suche roge or vacabounde so taken into seruice, depart within the same two yeeres from his or her said seruice, agaynst the wyll of hym that so tooke him or her into seruice: that then suche roge or vacabounde, shalbe taken, adiudged, and deemed as a felon in al respectes, & shall in all degrees, haue, suffer, and forfayte as a felon, without alowaunce or benefite of Cleargie or Sanctuarie. And yf suche roge or vacabounde, after fourtie dayes next after he or she shalbe two seuerall tymes taken into seruice, as is aforesayde, do eyther in the sayde Countie, or els where eftsoones the thirde tyme fal agayne to a kynde of rogilhe or vacabounde trade of lyfe: that then suche roge or vacabounde, shalbe adiudged and deemed for a felon, and suffer paynes of death, and losse of lands and goodes as a felon, without alowaunce of benefite of Cleargie or Sanctuarie.

And for the full expressing what person and persons shalbe entended within this braunche to be roges, vacabounides, and sturdie beggers, to haue and receaue the punyshment aforesayde, for the sayde lewde manner of lyfe: it is nowe publyshed, declared, and set forth by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that all and euery suche person and persons, that be or bitter them selues to be Proctours or Procuratours, goyng in or about anye Countrey or Countreyes within this Realme without

without ſufficient aucthoꝛitie, deryued from, oꝛ vnder our Soue-
raigne Ladye the Queene : and all other ydle perſons goyng a-
bout in anye Countrey of the ſayde Realme, vſyng ſubtyll, craf-
tie, and vnlawfull games oꝛ playes, and ſome of them faigning
them ſelues to haue knoweledge in Phiſnomie, Palmeſtrie, oꝛ
other abuſed ſciences, whereby they beare the people in hande
they can tell theyꝛ deſtinies, deathes, and foꝛtunes, and ſuche
other lyke fantaſticall imaginations : and all and euery perſon
and perſons, beyng whole and myghtie in bodye, and able to la-
bour, hauyng not lande oꝛ Maiſter, noꝛ vſyng any lawfull mer-
chaundize, craft, oꝛ miſterie, whereby he oꝛ ſhe myght get his oꝛ
her lyuyng, and can geue no reckonyng howe he oꝛ ſhe doth law-
fully get his oꝛ her lyuyng : and all fencers, bearewardes, common
players in enterludes, and minſtrelles, not belongyng to anye
Baron of this Realme, oꝛ towardes any other honourable perſo-
nage of greater degree, all iuglers, pedlers, tynkers, and petie
chapmen : whiche ſayde fencers, bearewardes, common players
in enterludes, minſtrels, iuglers, pedlers, tynkers, and petie chap-
men, ſhall wander abꝛoade and haue not licence of two Juſtices
of the peace at the leaſte, whereof one to be of the Quorum, where
and in what Shyꝛe they ſhall happen to wander: and al common
labourers, beyng perſons able in bodye, vſyng loyteryng, and re-
fuſyng to woꝛke, foꝛ ſuch reaſonable wages as is tared and com-
monly geuen in ſuche partes where ſuche perſons do oꝛ ſhal hap-
pen to dwel: and all counterfeytures of licences, paſpoꝛtes, and all
vſers of the ſame, knowyng the ſame to be counterfeyte : and all
ſcollers of the Vniuerſities of Oxeforde oꝛ Cambꝛidge, that goe a-
bout beggyng, not being aucthoꝛyſed vnder the ſeale of the ſayde
Vniuerſities, by the Commyſſarie, Chauncelour, oꝛ vice Chaun-
celour of the ſame : and all ſhypmen, pꝛetendyng loſſes by Sea,
other then ſuche as ſhalbe hereafter pꝛouided foꝛ : and all perſons
delyuered out of goales that begge foꝛ theyꝛ fees, oꝛ doo trauayle
to theyꝛ Countreyes oꝛ freendes, not hauyng licence from two
Juſtices of the peace of the ſame Countie where he oꝛ ſhe was de-
liuered, ſhalbe taken, adiudged, and deemed roges, vacaboundes,
and ſturdie beggers, intended of by this pꝛeſent acte, togeather
with al and euery ſuche other perſon and perſons, as ſhalbe here-
after foꝛ alteryng and breakyng of ſuche good oꝛders, as in the
ſeconde parte of this pꝛeſent act ſhalbe eſtabliſhed foꝛ the releeſe of
the aged and impotent pooꝛe people, ſet fooꝛth and declared to be
vacaboundes.

And furter be it enacted, that if anye perſon oꝛ perſons, after

the sayde feast of Saint Bartholomewe, geue any harborough, money, or lodgyng, or any other relefe, to any roge, vacabounde, or sturdie begger, eyther marked as before, or not marked, not hauyng suche a licence as is before recited, from two Justices of the peace then in continuaunce, and that duely prooued before the Justices of the peace at theyr quarter Sessions: shall make suche fyne to the Queenes Maiestie, as by the discretions of the sayde Justices, or the more part of them, at theyr generall sessions shalbe assessed, so as the same exceede not twenty shyllynges. And also yf any person or persons do disturbe or let the execution of this act in any maner of wyse, or make recuile agaynst any Maior, Shyryffe, Bayliffe, or other person, that shall endeuour hym selfe, for, or about the due execution hereof, shal forfeyte & lose fiue pounds, and ouer that, shall haue imprisonment at the Queenes Maiesties pleasure.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte, nor anye thyng herein conteyned, shal not extend to make any person or persons accessarie, or accessaries to the said felonies made by this statute, nor that anye attaynder by any the felonies aforesayde, shal worke or be any corruption of blood in the issues or syne of the person attaynted.

Prouided also, that it shalbe still lawfull to al maisters and gouernours of the Hospitalles, to lodge or harbour anye impotent or aged person or persons of charitie or almes, accordyng to theyr foundation, and to geue money in almes, in as large maner as they are bounde to doo by their foundation, to anye suche aged or impotent person: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Prouided alwayes, that shipmen, and souldiers, hauing licence of the next two Justices of the peace to the place where they fyrst happened to lande, or where they first entred into this realme, shal and may passe according to the purport of their licence, and entent of this act of Parliament: any thing herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstanding.

Be it also further prouided, that no licence recited in this statute, shall geue any maner libertie, or be of anye maner force, but onely in the shyre whereof the graunter or graunters of suche licence shalbe Justice or Justices of peace. Wherfore if the sayde partie licenced, wyl haue any further passage without the daunger of this lawe, then the Shyre where his first licence is graunted, it shalbe behoueful for hym to procure and get in euery other Shire where he entendeth to passe, one other licence from two Justices of the peace of the sayde Shyre, and so from Shyre to Shyre, to

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the end of his iourney. Be it also prouided, that this act, nor any thyng therein conteyned, do in any wyse extende to any Cockers, or harueſt folkes, that trauayle into any countrey of this Realme for harueſt worke, eyther corne harueſt, or hay harueſt, yf they doo worke and labour accordingly, neyther yet to any that happeneth to be robbed or ſpoyled by the way, neither yet to any ſeruing men that be of honeſt behauiour, that be turned from theyr maiſters, or whoſe maiſter or maiſtreſſe ſhalbe dead, for the ſpace of ſixe monethes next after ſuche turnyng away, or death of ſuch maiſter or maiſtreſſe, ſo as euery ſuch ſeruyng man hath a teſtimonial from his maiſter or maiſtreſſe, or from two Juſtices of the peace of the ſame Countie, declaryng ſuche turnyng away, or ſuche death of his maiſter or maiſtreſſe.

Prouided alwayes, that it ſhalbe lawful to the lorde Chauncelour, or lord keeper of the great Seale of England, for the time beyng, to make licence vnder the ſaid great ſeale, as heretofore hath been accuſtomed, and that the ſayde licence and licences, ſhall as largely extend as the contents of them wil beare: any thing herein to the contrary, in any wyſe notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctho-ritie aforeſayde, that this preſent acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, ſhal not extende to make fruſtrate or voyde anye ſafe conduicte, paſporte, or licence, made and graunted, or to be made and graunted by the lorde Deputie of Irelande, or by the lorde Gouernour of the Townes and Gariſons of Barwycke, or Carliſle, for the tyme beyng, or any other cheefe captayne or gouernour of anye caſtle or fortreſſe of the Queenes Maieſties, or by any other in his or theyr abſence, hauyng the charge of the ſayde Townes and Gariſons, or by any the Guardians of the three Marches towardes Scotlande, or by any General, Lieſetenaunt, or other cheefe officer appoynted by the Queenes Maieſtie to haue the charge and conduction of any Armie, Gariſon, or power of men, leuied or to be leuied by her hyghneſſe order and appoyntmente. And for the ſpecial ſeruice and affayres of her Maieſtie, her heires or ſucceſſours, or by any priuate captayne vpon the diſpearſing of any armie, onely to any ſouldiour or ſouldiours, or any other perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, within this her Realmes of Englande and Irelande, paſſyng by vertue thereof about his or theyr lawfull buſineſſe and affayres: but that he or they ſhall and maye quietly without any let or diſturbaunce, enioy the benefite, effect, and true meanyng thereof, in as large and ample maner and fourme, as heretofore hath been vſed and accuſtomed: any thyng

in this present acte mentioned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that this present acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shal not in any wyse extende to the punyshment of any suche person or persons, as by this statute are limitted for roges, vnlesse the same be of the age of fourteene yeres or aboue, but that they and euery of them vnder that age shalbe punished with whyppyng, or stockyng, as heretofore hath been vsed and appointed by the lawes and statutes in that case prouided, and nowe repealed: this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary hereof, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And it is further enacted by the auctho*r*itie aforesayde, that yf within any Towne or Paryshe where any suche vacabounde or roge shall happen to begge, or make his abode, contrary to the fourme of this statute, yf the Constable or Tythyng men be negligent, and doo not his or their best endeuour for the apprehension of such vacabound or roge, which there shal begge or make abode, contrary to the fourme in this statute limitted, or shal wyllyngly suffer the sayde vacabounde or roge to escape from the punishment or order in this statute prescribed: that then the sayde Constable or Tythyng man in whom suche defaulte shalbe, shall loose and forfeyte for euery such vacabounde and vagrant person, that shalbe suffered to begge, or make abode within his auctho*r*itie, contrary to the fourme of this statute. vi.s. viii.d. And for as muche as charitie woulde, that poore, aged, and impotent persons shoulde as necessaryly be prouided for, as the sayde roges, vacaboundes, and sturdie beggers repressed, and that the sayde aged, impotent, and poore people shoulde haue conuenient habitations and abyding places throughout this Realme to settle them selues vppon, to the ende that they, nor any of them shoulde hereafter begge, or wander about: It is therefore enacted by the auctho*r*itie of this present Parliament, that the Justices of peace of al and singuler the Shyres of Englande and Wales, within the limits of their commissions, and al other Justices of the peace, Maiors, Shyryffes, Baylyffes, and other officers of al and euery Citie, Borowe, Rydyng, and Fraunchises within this Realme, whereof they be Justices at peace, within the limittes of their auctho*r*itie, shall at, or before the sayde feaste of Saint Bartholomewe nexte commyng, diuide them selues, and so beyng diuided, shall within euery of their seuerall diuisions and auctho*r*ities, make diligent searche and enquirie of al aged, poore, impotent, and decayed persons, borne within their sayde diuisions and limittes, or whiche

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were there dwellyng within three yeeres next before this present Parliament, whiche lyue, or of necessitie be compelled to lyue by almes of the charitie of the people that be or shalbe abydyng within the lymits of theyr commissions and aucthorities: and shall vppon that searche made, make a register booke, conteynyng the names & surnames of all suche aged, decayed, and impotent poore people, as be within theyr sayd limittes and aucthorities, whiche shall alwayes remayne with the sayde Justices, Maiors, Bayliffes, or other head officers, or anye one of them. And when the number of the sayde poore people forced to lyue vppon almes, be by that meanes truely knowen, then the sayde Justices, Maiors, Shyryffes, Baylyffes, and other officers, shall within lyke conuenient tyme, deuise and appoynt within euery theyr sayde seuerall diuisions, meete and conuenient places by theyr discretions, to settle the same poore people for theyr habitations and abydinges, yf the Paryshe within the whiche they shalbe founde, shal not, or wyll not prouide for them, and shall also within lyke conuenient tyme, number all the sayde poore people within theyr sayde seueral limittes: and therevpon (hauyng regarde to the number) set downe what portion the weekely charge towardes the reliefe and sustentation of the sayde poore people wyll amount vnto, within euery theyr sayde seuerall diuisions and limittes: and that doone, they the sayde Justices, Maiors, Shyryffes, Bayliffes, and other officers, within euerye theyr seuerall Commissions, aucthorities, diuisions, and limittes, shal by theyr good discretions taxe and assesse all and euerye the inhabitauntes, dwellyng in all and euerye Citie, Borowe, Towne, Vyllage, Hamlet, and place knowen within the sayde limittes and diuisions, to suche weekely charge, as they and euery of them shal weekely contribute towardes the reliefe of the sayde poore people: and the names of al suche Inhabitauntes taxed, shall also enter into the sayde register booke togeather with theyr taxation: and also shal by theyr discretions, within euery theyr sayde diuisions and limittes, appoynt or see Collectours for one whole yeere to be appoynted, of the sayde weekely portion, whiche shall collect and geather the said proportion, and make deliuery of so muche thereof, according to the discretion of the sayde Justices, Maiors, Shyryffes, Bayliffes, and other officers, to the sayde poore people, as the saide Justices, Maiors, Shyryffes, Bayliffes, and other officers shall appoynt them. And also shal appoynt ouerseers of the sayde poore people by theyr discretions, to continue also for one whole yeere: and yf they doo refuse to be ouerseers, then euery of them so refusyng, to forfeyte

ten shyllynges for euery suche default.

And be it further enacted by the auctho*r*itie afore*s*ayde, that the Maio*r* of the Citie of London, and the Maio*r*, Shyr*r*yffes, Baylyffes, and other head officers of euerye other Citie, Bo*r*owe, o*r* Towne co*r*po*r*ate, o*r* his o*r* they*r* sufficient deputie o*r* deputies, within they*r* Cities, Bo*r*owes, and Townes co*r*po*r*ate, and the Constables o*r* Tythyng men of all and euery Hundred, Rape, and Wapentake, within al and euery the sayde Shyres in Englande, and Wales, in all and euery suche abiding place and places within they*r* hundredes, limittes, and precinctes, as shalbe appoynted to settle the poore people in, shal once euery moneth next after the sayde places so appoynted be inhabited with the sayde poore people, accordyng to the entent of this present acte of Parliament, make a vie*w*e and searche of al the aged, impotent, and lame persons within the precinct of they*r* iurisdictions: and all suche person and persons as they shall fynde not beyng borne within that diuision, no*r* within the saide Cities, Bo*r*owes, o*r* Townes co*r*po*r*ate, then shal they presently see the same poore people not there borne, no*r* dwellyng within the sayde three yeeres (except leprous people, and bedred people) to be conueyghed on horsebacke, in carte, o*r* otherwyse, as shall seeme best to they*r* discretions, to the next Constable, and so from Constable to Constable, the directest way, tyll the sayde person and persons be brought to the place where he o*r* shee was borne, o*r* moste conuersaunt by the space of three yeeres next before, and there to be put in the abydyng place, o*r* one of the abydyng places in that Countrey appoynted, o*r* to be appoynted for the habitation of the poore people of that countrey, there to be prouided, kept, and nourished of almes, as is afore*s*aid, vpon payne of twentie shyllynges, euerye the saide officers that neglectyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctho*r*itie afore*s*ayde, that yf any of the sayde poore people, vpon the appoyntment of the sayde Justices o*r* other officers, refuse to be bestowed in any of the sayde abydyng places before mentioned, but couet styll to holde on their trade of beggyng: o*r* after they be once bestowed in the sayde abydyng place o*r* places, doo departe and begge: then the saide person and persons so offendyng, for the fyrste offence to be accompted a roge o*r* vacabounde, and to suffer as a roge o*r* vacabounde in the firste degree of punyshment set foorth by this acte in all poyntes: And yf he, she, o*r* they, doo the second time offende, then to be esteemed as a roge o*r* vacabound, & to suffer as a roge o*r* vacabound in the last degree of punishment, set foorth by this act, in all poyntes.

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And it is further enacted by aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that yf anye manner of perſon or perſons appoynted and elected to be Collectours, as is aforeſayde, ſhal refuſe the ſayde office, or ſhall after he hath agreed to it neglecte the ſame, he ſhall forfeyte and loſe for euery offence to the vſe of the poore of the ſame place fourtie ſhyllynges of lawfull money of Englande, to be leuied by diſtrelle, or recouered by action, byll, playnt, or information, in any Court of recorde, or Lordes Court, by the hygh Conſtables or Tything men aforeſayde: In whiche ſuite, no eſſoygne, protection, nor wager of lawe ſhalbe allowed or admitted to the partie defendaunt. And yf the ſayde hygh Conſtables ſhalbe remiſſe or negligent to ſue, or ſhall refuſe to ſue the ſayde Collectours and euery of them, within two monethes next after ſuche refuſall, or negligence in or by the ſayde Collectour: that then the ſayde hygh Conſtables or Tythingmen, ſhall forfeyte and loſe fiue poundes of lawful money of England, to thuſe of the poore of the ſame place, to be ſued for, by and in the name of two of the next Juſtices to the ſayde place or places, beyng out of Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate: yf within, then by the Maior, Bayliffes, or other head officers of the ſayde Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate, in any Court of recorde, or Lordes Court, by action of debt, byll, playnt, or information, in whiche no eſſoigne, protection, or wager of lawe ſhalbe allowed.

And further be it enacted, that the ſayde Collectours, and euery of them, ſo to be choſen, as is aforeſayde, ſhall make their iuſte accompt halfe yeerely of their ſayde collection and gatheryng, to two Juſtices of the peace, dwelling nexte to the ſayde abydyng place or places, not being within any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate: or to the Maior, Sheriffes, or other cheefe officers, of the ſayde Cities, Boroughes, or Townes corporate: and when they goe out of their offices, they ſhall delyuer, or cauſe to be deliuered forthwith vpon their accomptes, al ſuch ſurpluſſages of their collection and geathering, as ſhall then remayne vndiſtributed to be ordred by the ſayde Juſtices, Maiors, Bayliffes, or other head officers, vppon the ſaide payne of tenne poundes. If any ſuch Collectour ſhall refuſe to make his ſayd accompt, or neglect the ſame, by the ſpace of fourteene dayes after requeſt to him therfore made: then the ſayde two Juſtices, or one of them, to committe the ſayde Collectour to the next gaole for the ſaid Countie, there to remaine without bayle or mayneprize, tyl he haue made his ſayd accompt, and immediate payment and deliuerie of al ſuche ſurpluſſages as he hath receyued.

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And be it further enacted, that yf any person or persons, being able to further this charitable woorke, wyll obstinately refuse to geue towardes the helpe and relefe of the sayde poore people, or doo wylfully discourage other from so charitable a deede: the sayde obstinate person or wylfull discourager, shall presently be brought before two Justices of the peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum, of the same Countie, to shewe the cause of his obstinate refusal, or wylfull discouragement, and to abyde suche order therein, as the sayd Justices shal appoynt: yf he refuse so to doo, then to be committed to the next gaole for the sayd shire, there to remaine vntyll he be contented with their sayde order, and doo performme the same.

And it is also further enacted, that yf any of the sayde aged and impotent persons, not being so diseased, lame, or impotent, but that they may woorke in some maner of woorke, shalbe by the ouerseers of their sayde abydyng place appoynted to woorke, yf they refuse, then in fourme aforesayde to be whypped and stocked for their fyrste refusall, and for theyr seconde refusall to be punished as in case of vacaboundes in the sayde fyrste degree of punyshment.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that three Justices of peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum, of and with the surplusages of the sayde collections and forfeytures, (the sayde poore and impotent people satisfied and prouided for) shall by theyr discretions in suche conuenient place & places within their sayd Shires as they shall thinke meete, place and settle to woorke, the roges and vacaboundes that shalbe disposed to woorke, borne within their sayde Counties, or there abydyng for the most part within the sayd three yeeres, there to be holden to woorke by the ouersyght of the sayd ouerseers, to get their lyuinges, and to lyue and to be sustayned onely vppon their labour and trauayle.

Be it also further enacted by the aucthoritie of this presente Parliament, that yf anye beggers chylde, beyng aboue the age of fiue yeeres, and vnder fourtiene yeeres, beyng male or female, shalbe hyred of by anye subiect of this Realme of honest callyng, who shalbe wyllyng to take the sayde chylde into seruice, the sayde subiect shall at the next generall Sessions to be holden for the sayde Countie, by order of the Justices there, or the moste part of them, haue the sayde chylde bounde with hym: yf it be a man chylde, tyl the age of foure and twentie yeeres, yf it be a woman chylde, tyll the age of eyghteene yeeres. If the chylde doo after departe, or be

be taken, or be entiſed from the ſayd maiſter or maiſtreſſe, the maiſter or maiſtreſſe to haue their remedy by order of the ſtatute of labourers, as for their ſeruaunt, eyther by way of action, or otherwyſe, as well agaynſt the chylde, as agaynſt the taker or entiſer thereof.

Be it alſo enacted by aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that all the forfeytures appoynted, or to growe by this ſtatute (except the forfeytures of Juſtices of peace) ſhall wholy goe, and be employed to the vſe of the poore aforeſayde, and ſhalbe leuied by diſtreſſe, by the diſcretion of the Juſtices of the ſame countie, or two of them, or other head officers aforeſayde, and that the Juſtices of peace in all Shires of Englande, ſhall in their quarter Seſſions next after Eaſter, yeerely examine the perfourmaunce, or not perfourmaunce of this ſtatute, according to the tenour therof, as they are bounde to doo the ſtatute of labourers, and at their ſayd Seſſions ſhal yeerely appoynt newe Collectours, and newe ouerſeers for the cauſes aforeſayde, and ſhall then alſo agree vppon newe viewes and ſearches of the ſayde impotent people within euery their limittes for the yeere folowyng, yf neede ſhalbe, and further at their ſayd Seſſions, ſhal take order by their good diſcretions, for al and euery thing and thinges, that may in any wyſe further the intent of this acte.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayd, that three Juſtices of peace, within all the Shyres of this Realme, whereof one to be of the Quorum, ſhal haue ful power by aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, to heare and determine al cauſes, (except forfeytures of Juſtices of peace) that ſhall come in queſtion by reaſon of this preſent acte.

Prouided alſo, that foraſmuche as it is thought that the Inhabitauntes of diuers Counties, Cities, and Townes within this Realme, be not able to relieue the poore, lame, and impotent perſons with money, to be collected in maner and fourme aforeſayde, and that it were ouer great a burthen to the collectours, for to gather meate, drynke, corne, or other thynges for their relefe, to be employed and beſtowed in fourme aforeſayde: Therefore it is further enacted, that it ſhalbe lawfull to and for the Juſtices of the peace, in their open Seſſions of the peace, or for the moſte parte of them there aſſembled, within any the Counties, cities, or townes of this Realme, where collection of money can not preſentlye be had, as this preſent acte wylleth and appoynteth, to graunt licence vnder their handes and ſeales, to ſuche, and ſo manye of the ſayde poore and impotent, or diſeaſed perſons, or to any

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other person or persons, to be by the sayde Justices alligned and alowed for the sayde poore, to aske, geather, and receaue, within suche other Towne, Parishe, or Parishes of the sayde Countie, as the sayd Justices, or the most part of them, there then in their sayd Sessions assembled, shall especially name, appoynt, limit, and assigne, the charitable deuotion and almes, at the house or houses of the inhabitauntes of such Towne, Parish, or Parishes, by the said Justices, named, appoynted, limitted, or assigned, so that they doo appoynt the sayd poore so to be relieued onely within the Townes and Parishes being within the divisions of the same Justices that so shal geue such licence or licences: & that the inhabitauntes of euery such Parishe or Parishes, to the which suche poore or impotent persons shalbe so appoynted, as is aforesayd, shalbe coacted and bounde by vertue of this acte, vnder suche payne, as to the discretion of the sayd Justices there in their Session assembled, or the most part of them, shal seeme conuenient, to relieue the sayd poore and impotent persons, in suche sorte, as the sayd Justices there assembled shal appoynt.

And be it further enacted, that yf it shall happen anye Citie or Towne corporate, to haue in it more impotent and poore folkes, not able to labour, then the said Towne or Citie is able to relieue, and the sayde Citie or Towne corporate is a Countie of it selfe, or scituate, or standing in one Countie, & immediately adioyning to another, that in those Cities or townes, the Maior or head officers of the said Citie or Towne, shal make certificate to the Justices of the Counties adioyning to the sayde Cities or Townes, and the same Justices of the sayd adioynyng Countie or Townes, in their generall Sessions of the peace, shal geue licence, and folowe the order aboue remembred, according as other Justices of the Counties in the whiche any Towne or Parishe surcharged standeth, are before limitted and authorised to doo.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayd, that al and euery summe and summes of money, from henceforth to be collected or gathered within the Citie of London, and the liberties of the same, by vertue of this acte, shalbe payde vnto the gouernours of the Hospitall, called the Hospitall of Christes Churche, within the said Citie of London, for the time being, and shalbe by them from tyme to tyme distributed, and bestowed, for the relefe of the poore of the same Citie, according to their wysedomes and discretions: anye thyng in this statute conteyned to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that

that all and euery ſumme and ſummes of money, from henceforth to be collected or geathered within the Citie of Couentrie, and the liberties of the ſame, by vertue of this acte, towardes the maynte-naunce and releefe of the Hoſpitall of poore people, erected in the ſame Citie ſhalbe payde vnto ſuch gouernour & gouernours of the ſayd Hoſpitall, as nowe is, or hereafter ſhalbe admitted & appoyn-ted by the Maior and Aldermen of the ſayde Citie of Couentrie, or the more part of them, for the time being: and ſuch gouernour and gouernours ſo admitted and appoynted, as is aforeſayd, ſhal from time to time diſtribute and beſtow for the releefe of the poore with-in the ſayd Citie, the ſayde ſumme or ſummes of money according to their wiſedomes and diſcretions: any thing mentioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithſtanding.

Prouided alſo, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that al and euery ſumme and ſummes of money, from henceforth to be payde, collected or geathered, within the Citie of Glouceſter, liberties, and limittes of the ſame Citie, for, and toward the vſe or releefe of the poore, and al and euery other releefe which ſhalbe due and payable, or is to be yeelded within the ſayde Citie, liberties, or lymittes, for, and towarde the releefe of the ſayde poore, ſhalbe from tyme to tyme payde and deliuered, or otherwyſe ſhall ſtande and be at the onely rule, order and diſpoſition of the preſident and gouernours of the Hoſpital of ſaint Bartholomewe, of the foun-dation of our moſt gratious ſoueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, within the ſayd Citie of Glouceſter, for the tyme being, and ſhalbe by them from time to tyme diſtributed, and beſtowed for the releefe of the poore of the ſayde Citie, accordyng to their wyſedomes and diſcretions.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that the Byſhoppe of euery Dioceſſe, or his Chauncelour for the tyme beyng, ſhall yeerely viſite all Hoſpitalles in the Dioceſſe of ſuche Byſhoppe, where no viſitour by the founder or founders is ap-poynted, yf the founder of the ſayde Hoſpitall be then dead, and to ſee and take order, that the ſayde Hoſpitalles be ordered and vſed accordyng to the ſtatutes and ordinaunces of the foundation thereof, and yf the founder be then liuyng, the ſayde founder to viſite the ſame duryng his lyfe, without anye the Byſhoppes vi-ſitation, and the ſame viſitation to be at the onely coſtes and charges of the viſitours, and not of the Hoſpitall: and that it ſhalbe lawfull to the Byſhoppe of the Dioceſſe for the tyme beyng, where ſuche Hoſpitall is or ſhalbe, or his Chauncelour, vppon complaynte, or other intelligence of iuſte cauſe, to take

take accompt howe the rentes, reuenues, and profites of any such Hospitall hath been bestowed and spente, to call before hym or them at the sayd Hospital to accompt, al suche person and persons as haue had the collection or receipt of any the sayd rentes, issues, reuenues, or profites. And if any person or persons so called, shall, and doo refuse to accompt, or entryng into accompt, shall refuse to proceede and finishe the same, or vppon the finishyng thereof, shall refuse foorthwith to employ or aunswere to the vse of the sayde Hospitall, suche summe or summes of money, as vppon the same accompt shal appeare to be due by him: that then euery such person and persons so refusyng, shal forfayte and lose suche summe and summes of money, as to the sayde Bysshoppe or Chauncelour, and to two Justices of the peace next inhabiting to the sayde Hospital, shalbe thought meete and conuenient, to whiche accomptes, the sayde Bysshoppe or Chauncelour, shall call the same two Justices of peace.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, hauyng charge of any viage in passing from the Realme of Irelande, or from the Isle of Wanne, into this Realme of Englande, doo from the laste day of June nexte commyng, wyttyngly, or wyllyngly transporte, bryng, cary, or conueygh, or suffer to be transported, brought, caryed, or conueyghed in any shyppe, picarde, vessell, boate, or boates, from and out of the sayde Realme of Irelande, or from, or out of the sayde Isle of Wanne, into the Realme of Englande, or Wales, or anye parte thereof, anye vacabounde, roge, or begger, or anye suche as shalbe forced, or very lyke to lyue by beggyng within the Realmes of Englande or wales, beyng borne in the Realme of Ireland, or in the sayd Isle of Wanne, on payne of euery such person or persons, so bringing, transporting, carrying, or conueighing, eyther suffering to be brought, transported, caried, or conueighed, in maner and fourme aforesayde, to forfayte and lose for euery suche vacabounde, roge, begger, or other person, whiche shalbe forced or like to liue by begging within this Realme of England, or Wales, beyng transported, and set on lande in anye parte of Englande or of Wales, twentie shyllynges of lawfull Englyshe money, to the vse of the poore of the same paryshe in whiche they were set on lande, to be leuied by the Collectours of the same poore for the tyme beyng, by seasure and sellyng of anye the goodes and cattels of the same person, whiche shall so bryng, transporte, cary, or conueygh any suche roge, vacabounde, or begger, or other person which shalbe forced, or like to lyue by beggyng within the Realme

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of England, or of Wales, to the value of the same forfeyture, and on the payne of the same vacabundes, roges, and beggars, so set on lande, to be punished as the other vacabundes and sturdie beggers, in this acte before mentioned and declared.

And be it likewyse enacted, yf any suche manishe or Irishe roge, vacabunde, or begger, been alredy, or shal at any tyme hereafter be set on lande in any part of England or of Wales, the same shalbe conueyed to the next port in or neere whiche they were landed, and from thence be transported at the common charge of the Countie where they were set on land, into those partes from whence they came, or were transported.

Also be it prouided, that yf any maner of person, shal hereafter finde hym or her selfe greeued with any taxation set vpon them by vertue of this act, it shalbe lawful for them at the next generall Sessions of the peace, to be holden within the same shyre where their taxation shalbe, to make complaint thereof to the Justices of the benche, & to be eased of their extreme charge, by the discretion of the whole benche, or the most of them. And yf any default shalbe hereafter found in any Justices of peace, or Quorum, in or about the execution of this acte: euery of the sayde Justices, vpon proofe of theyr said default by two sufficient witnesses before the Justices of assise, at the next generall Sessions of gaole deliuerie for the same Countie, after the same default, shal forfayte and lose fiue poundes of lawful Englishe money, the one halfe whereof to be to the vse of the said poore people of the same Countie, and the other halfe to the Queenes Maiestie, whiche said forfaiture shalbe leuied by distresse, by the discretion of the said Justices of Assises.

And where as a great number of poore and diseased people do resorte to the Citie of Bathe, in the Countie of Sommerset, and the Towne of Bucklstone, in the Countie of Darbie, for some ease and relefe of their diseases at the bathes there, and by meanes thereof, the inhabitauntes of the same Citie of Bathe, & Towne of Bucklstone, are greatly ouercharged with the same poore people to their intollerable charge: be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no diseased or impotent poore person, lyuing on almes, at any time after the feast of saint Bartholomewe the Apostle next comming, shal resort or repayre from theyr dwellyng places to the sayde Citie of Bathe, and Towne of Bucklstone, or eyther of them, to the bathes there for ease of theyr greefe, vnlesse such person be not onely licensed so to doo, by two Justices of the peace of the Countie where suche person dooth or shal then dwel

and remaine: but also prouided for of the inhabitauntes of such hundredes, parishes, or places, from whence they shalbe so licensed to trauaile, of suche relefe for & towardes his maintenance, as shalbe necessary for the same person, for the time of such his abode at the said Citie of Bath, & Towne of Buckstone, or eyther of them, & returne home againe as shalbe limitted by the same licence, vpon payne to be reputed, punished, & vsed as vacabondes, by the purutewe of this statute: and that the inhabitauntes of the same Citie and Towne, shal not in any wyse be charged by this acte, with the fyndyng or relefe of anye suche poore people.

And for the better perfourmaunce of this charitable act, it is ordeyned and established by aucthoritie aforesayd, that where as the late Kyng of famous memorie, King Henry the eyght, his heires or successours, or any other person or persons, heretofore by his or their seueral & lawful erections & foundations, hath or haue ordeyned or appoynted any summe or summes of mony, rents, reliefes, or commoditie to the vse of the poore, or for the repayring or mending of high wayes or bridges, not being taken away otherwise by act of parliament, whether the same be in any Cathedrial church, Colledge, or els where, that the Bishop of the Diocesse, or his Chauncelour, within which the said Cathedral church, Colledge, or places is, & the Justices of the peace of the Countie within the which the sayd Cathedral Churche, Colledge, or place is, or three of them (whereof one to be of the Quorum) shal haue aucthoritie from time to tyme to examine howe and after what manner the sayd mony, rent, releefe, or commoditie is bestowed: & to cal to accompt the parties which doo deteyne the sayd mony, rentes, or relefe, and thereupon to take such order for the distribution of the same, as to theyr discretions shall seeme most fitte and agreeable to the good intent of the founders, geuers, or graunters, and therof to make certificate in the high Court of Chauncerie, once in euery yeere.

Prouided alwayes, that where as by reason of this acte, the common gaoles of euery Shire within this Realme, are like to be greatly pestered with a more nũber of prisoners then heretofore hath been, for that the sayd vacabondes and other lewde persons before recited, shal vpon theyr apprehention be committed to the cõmon gaole of the same shire where they are so taken and apprehended, & that in most shires of this Realme the common gaoles are in such townes where there be a great number of poore people, more then they are wel able to sustein with their relefe,

relieſe, and in ſame ſhyres the aſſiſes are kept forre diſtant from the place where the common gaoles are, by reaſon whereof the ſayde priſoners are lyke to famiſhe for want of ſuſtenaunce, yf they be not therefore prouided:

For remedy whereof, be it therefore enacted by the auctho[r]itie aforeſayde, that it ſhal and may be lawfull for the Juſtices of peace, of euery ſhire within this Realme, at their generall quarter ſeſſions of the peace to be holden within the ſame ſhyres, or the moſt part of the ſaid Juſtices being then preſent, to rate and taxe euery pariſhe within the ſayd ſhyres, at ſuch reaſonable ſummes of money, for and towardes the relieſe of the ſayde priſoners, as they ſhal thinke conuenient by their diſcretions: ſo that the ſayde taxation and rate dooth not exceede aboue ſixe pence, or eyght pence by the weeke out of euery pariſhe: and that the Churchewardens of euery pariſhe within this Realme for the time being, ſhal euery Sunday leuie the ſame, and once euery quarter in the yeere pay to the high conſtables, or head officers of euery Towne, Pariſhe, Hundred, Riding, or Wapentake within this Realme, al ſuch ſummes of money, as their pariſhe ſhalbe rated and taxed, for and towardes the relieſe of the ſaid priſoners within their ſaide ſeueral paryſhes: And that the ſayde high Conſtables and head officers, and euery of them, ſhal pay al ſuche ſummes of money ſo to them payd by the ſayd Churchewardens, at euery generall quarter Seſſions to be holden within the ſaid ſeueral ſhyres, to ſuch ſufficient perſons dwelling nigh the ſaid gaoles, as ſhalbe appoynted by the ſayde Juſtices in their ſayde open quarter ſeſſions: to be there ready to receiue the ſayd money ſo collected, as is aforeſayd. And that the Collectours for the ſayd priſoners, ſhal weekely diſtribute and pay all ſuche ſummes of money, as they and euery of them ſhal receiue for the relieſe of the ſayd priſoners, as aforeſayde, vppon payne al wel the ſayd Churchewardens of euery paryſhe, Conſtables and head officers of euery Hundred, or Wapentake, as alſo the ſayde Collectoures appoynted for the collection and contribution of the ſaid priſoners, ſo making default, as aforeſaide, to forfeyte fiue poundes, the one moytie thereof ſhalbe to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres and ſucceſſoures, and the other moytie to the relieſe of the priſoners: any ſtatute, lawe, cuſtome, vſe, or other thing to the contrary, in any wyſe notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that the Juſtices of peace within any Countie of this Realme or Wales, ſhal not intromit or enter into any Citie, Borough, place, or Towne corporate, where be any Ju-

stice,or Justices of peace,for any such Citie , Borough, place,or Towne corporate , for the execution of any braunch, article , or sentence of this act, for,or concerning any offence,matter,or cause growing or arising within the precinctes, liberties,or iurisdictions of such Citie, Borough,place,or towne corporate,but that it may and shalbe lawfull to the Justice , & Justices of peace,Maior,Bayliffes, & other head officers of those Cities , Boroughes, places,and townes corporate, where there be Justice , or Justices, to proceede to the execution of this act, within the precinct and compasse of theyr liberties , in such manner and fourme as the Justices of peace in any Countie,may or ought to do within the same Countie by vertue of this act: any matter or thing in this act expressed to the contrary therof, notwithstandyng.

And that euery Justice and Justices of the peace, within euery such Citie, Borough, Place, and towne corporate,for euery offence by them, or any of them to be committed contrary to the entent and meanyng of this statute, shalbe punishable , & chargeable as other Justices of peace at large in the Counties, are by this acte aboue appoynted to be.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd , that yf it shal chaunce any Citie or towne corporate, to haue in it more poore folkes then the inhabitauntes thereof shalbe able to relieue , that in such case vppon certificate thereof made, and of the number and names of the persons with which they be so surcharged, vnto the Justices of the peace of the countie in which such Citie or Towne corporate shal lye and be situate , at theyr quarter sessions of the peace , by two Justices of peace of the sayd Countie , and the Maior or other head officer of the same Citie or towne corporate: the Justices may by theyr discretions in the same Sessions, take order,appoynt , and cause the same poore folke so certified, to be prouided for, and relieued, by geuyng of licence to begge, or otherwyse , in some other place or places of the sayd Countie, out of such Citie , or towne corporate so surcharged.

Prouided alway, that this act,or any thing therein conteyned, shal not extende to the poore people , for the time being in the Hospital, called Saint Thomas Hospital , otherwise called the Kinges Hospital in the Borough of Southwarke, neare adioyning to the Citie of London, but that the Maior, Comminalty, and Citizens of the said Citie of London for the time being, shal and may only haue the rule , order, and gouerment of the sayde Hospital, and of the poore people therin for the time being: any

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thing in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte, or any thing therin conteyned, or any aucthoritie therby geuen, shal not in any wise extend to disinherite, preiudice, or hinder John Dutton, of Dutto, in the countie of Chester Esquire, his heires, or assignes, for, touching, or concernyng any libertie, priuiledge, preeminencie, aucthoritie, iurisdiction, or inheritaunce, which the said John Dutton now lawfully vseth or hath, or lawfully may or ought to vse within the Countie palentine of Chester, and the Countie of the citie of Chester, or eyther of them, by reason of any auncient charters of any kynges of this lande, or by reason of any prescription, or other lawful vsage, or title whatsoeuer.

This act to endure for seuen yeeres, and from thence to thend of the next Parliament then next folowing.

An Act for thexplanation

of a statute made agaynst fugitiues ouer the seas, in the.xiii. yeere of the Queenes Maesties reigne.

Chapter, vi.

WHERE as in the statute againſt fugitiues departing out of this Realme, made in the laſt Parliament, amongeſt other thynges it is ordeyned, that the offenders agaynſt that eſtatute, shal forfaite and loſe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, the whole profites of al their manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, duryng their liues: sithens whiche time some doubt and queſtion vpon the sayd woordes hath ryſen, and been mooued: whether her Maieſtie, her heyres and ſucceſſours, may let and ſet the ſame lands, or make grauntes by coppies of court

roule thereof, and vsual woodsales, or els shal only take the ordinarie profites as they ryse, as vesturam terre, & not otherwyse: And whereas in the said estatute, one braunch or clause is conteined for the making voyde of fraudulent conueyaunces by the sayde fugitiues of theyr landes and goodes, made to thintent & vpon priuie cõfidence, that the profits may be employed, as they should limit and agree vpon the woordes of which clause, some doubt and question hath also risen, & been moued, whether the conueyaunce (to thintent aforesayde) made by such fugitiues as depart out of this realme hauing licence, & do not returne into this realme accordyng to theyr licence, & intent of the said estatute, shalbe within the prouision of the said estatute, vnlesse their determination of not returnyng accordyng to their licence, be prooued to be before the making of the sayd fraudulent conueyaunce, as a thyng material before the making of the sayde conueyaunce, or whether the same determination of not returning accordyng to the sayde lycence, be not so material, but that the same shal by the subsequent act, (that is to say) by the not returnyng of the sayde partie accordyng to the sayde licence, be sufficiently proued without any further matter.

For auoyding of whiche doubtes, be it declared, and explaned, and ordeyned by aucthoritie of this Parliament, that duryng so long time as her maiestie, her heyres or successours, shalbe entituled to haue the saide profites by vertue of the sayde estatute, she and they may let and sette, and make grauntes by coppie of Court roule, and vsual wood sales, and other thynges, to al ententes and purposes, as a tenaunt pour terme dauter vie lawfully may doo.

And further, that the sayde determination, whiche is but a secrete thought of the fugitiue, whatsoeuer his woordes or speach be, is not material, but that the act and deede subsequent. vidz. the not returnyng of euery such fugitiue accordyng to his licence, and not hauing such let or excuse, as by the sayd statute is alowed (without any further matter) was, is, and shalbe taken and deemed a sufficient proofe of the precedent determination of the same partie not to returne accordyng to his licence: any thyng to the contrary hereof in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that all such rentes, reuenues, issues, profites, and other thinges, as already be commen or growe, or hereafter shal come or growe to the Queenes Maiestie, for any the causes of forfeiture mẽtioned or expressed in the said former act and statute, or declared by this acte,

act, shalbe answered yeerely vnto the Queenes Maiestie in the court of Exchequer, and shalbe in the order, survey, and rule of the same court: and that the Treasourer, Chauncelour, and Barons of the sayde court, or the more part of them for the time being, wherof the Treasourer, or Chauncelour to be one, shal and may doo, and cause to be doone, al and euery such act and thing, as they shall thinke meete and conuenient to be had, made, or doone, for the demising, custodie, receiuing, ordering, and better answearyng to her Maiesties commoditie and profyte, of all such rentes, reuenues, issues, profites, and other things as now be commen or growen, or hereafter shall come or growe to her Maiestie, for any the causes of forfeyture aforesayd, accordyng to the true intent and meanyng of the sayd former act, and of this present statute of explanation and declaration.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesayde, that al landes, tenementes, rentes, reuertions, seruices, & leasses, beyng at this tyme parcell of the possessions of the Duchie of Lancaster, or derived out of the same, wherunto, or to the profites wherof, the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or successours in any wise is, or hereafter shalbe intituled, either by aucthoritie of ỹ said former estatute of fugitiues, or by this estatute, shalbe from henceforth within the survey, demising, & order of the court of the sayd Duchie of Lancaster, in suche manner and fourme, as other the premisses be assigned, or appoynted by aucthoritie of this acte, or by the said former act, to be in the survey, demising, and order of the said court of Exchequer: and that the transcript of all offices and inquisitions concerning the premisses, to be within the survey, demising, and order of the sayd Duchie of Lancaster, shalbe certified and recorded in the sayd court of the Duchie of Lancaster: any thing eyther in the sayd former acte, or in this act to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

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An act againſt the deceiptes of vnder Collectours of the tenthes and ſubſidies of the Cleargie.

Chapter. vii.

FOR auoyding & redreſſe of great deceiptes doone to the Queenes Maieſtie, and to the Prelates and Cleargie of this realme, by vnder Collectours of the tenthes and ſubſidies of the Cleargie, appoynted by & vnder the Archebiſhops & Biſhops of this realme, and Deanes and Chapters (Sede vacante:) Be it enacted, that the ſtatute made in the. xiii. yeere of her Maieſties reigne, to make the landes, tenementes, goodes, and cattels of Tellers, Receiuers. &c. to be liable to the paiment of their debts, ſhal to al intentes and purpoſes, as amply & largely extend, and be conſtrued to extende to al ſuch vnder Collectours of tenthes and ſubſidies of the Cleargie, and to theyr landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, goodes, and cattels, for ſatiſfiyng of ſuche money as they haue collected, or ſhal collecte, of the ſayd tenthes and ſubſidies, to the vſe of the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres or ſucceſſours (of what yeerely ſumme ſo euer the charge of theyr collection is, or ſhalbe) in lyke fourme as it dooth extende to the Tellers, Receiuers, and other perſons accomptaunt, whom the ſayd act ſpecially and expreſly concerneth, and in as ample wiſe, as if ſuch vnder Collectours were immediately accomptaunt to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres or ſucceſſours: any prouiſion in the ſayd ſtatute, or other matter whatſoeuer to the contrary, notwithſtanding.

And that euery ſuch vnder Collectour, ſhal vpon proceſſe to be awarded out of ỹ court of Exchequer, be chargeable to accompt for his receipt of ſuche tenthes and ſubſidies, as any Receiuer, immediatly accomptaunt to her Maieſtie, is or ought to be: and that

that euery Archbyshoppe and Byshop, and Deane and Chapter (Sede vacante) to whose charge the collection of suche tenthes or subsidies dooth or shall apperteyne, shalbe discharged of so much of the said tenthes & subsidies, as shalbe satisfied to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or successours, of or by the landes, tenementes, hereditamentes, goodes, or cattayles of suche vnder Collectour, or his heyres, without any other warraunt whatsoeuer, in that behalfe to be obteyned.

An acte for the auoyding

of recoueries suffered by collusion by tenauntes for tearme of lyfe, and such others.

Chapter.viii.

WHERE *diuers personnes* being seised, or that had ben seised of landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, as tenauntes by the curtesie of Englande, tenauntes in tayle after possibilitie of issue extincte, or otherwyse, onely for terme of life or liues, or of estates determinable vpon lyfe or liues, haue heretofore permitted and suffered other persons by agreement or couine betweene them had, to recouer the same landes and tenementes, and other hereditaments, against the same particuler tenaunts, in the queenes Maiesties court, or haue permitted and suffered them selues to be vouched by other persons, by agreement or couin betweene them had in recoueries suffered of the same landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in the Queenes Maiesties Court, to the great preiudice of those to whom the reuertion or remainder thereof hath apperteyned, or ought to apperteyne.

For remedie whereof, be it enacted by ỹ Queenes most excellent Maiestie,

Maieſtie, with the aſſent of the lordes Spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by aucthoritie of the ſame, that all ſuche recoueries hereafter to be had or proſecuted by agreement of the parties, or by couine, as is aforeſayde, againſt any ſuche perticuler tenaunt of any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whereof the ſame perticuler tenaunt is, or hereafter ſhalbe ſeyſed of any ſuche perticuler eſtate, as is aforeſayde, or againſt any other with voucher ouer of any ſuch perticuler tenaunt, or of any hauyng, or that had ryght or title to any ſuche perticuler eſtate or tenauncie, as is aforeſayde, ſhal from henceforth, as againſt ſuche perſonne or perſonns to whom any reuertion or remaynder thereof, by force of any conueyaunce or deuice before that tyme had or made, ſhall, ought or lawfully may apperteyne, and againſt their heyres and ſucceſſours, be clearely and vtterly voyde and of none effect: any law or vſage heretofore had to the contrary thereof, in any wyſe notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alway, that this act, nor any thyng therein conteyned, ſhal extende, or be preiudiciall to any perſon or perſons, that ſhal hereafter by good title recouer any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, without fraud or couine, by reaſon of any former right, or title: but that all and euery ſuche recouerie, and recoueries, ſo to be had or proſecuted vppon former rightes or titles, ſhal ſtand and be in lyke force, ſtrength, and effect, as they were before the makyng of this acte: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wiſe notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alſo, that all and euery ſuche recouerie and recoueries, to be had or proſecuted of any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, as aforeſayde, by the aſſent and agreement of any perſon or perſonnes, to whom any reuertion or remaynder thereof then ſhall or ought to apparteyne (ſo that the ſame aſſent & agreement doo appeare of recorde in any court of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres or ſucceſſours) ſhall ſtande and be in lyke force, ſtrength, and of lyke effecte, againſt ſuche perſon and perſonnes that ſhall ſo aſſent and agree, theyr heyres and ſucceſſours, as they were before the makyng of this act: any thing herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyſe notwithſtandyng.

Be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayd, that one act made in the xxxii. yeere of our late Soueraigne Lorde kyng Henry the eyght, entituled, An acte for the auoydyng of recoueries by colluſions by tenantes for terme of lyfe, ſhalbe from the fyrſte day of

Regine Elizabethe. Cap.ix.

An act declaring that the tenant and defendaunt may haue a *tales de circumſtantibus*, as well as the defendaunt or *playntife*.

Chapter.ix.

FOR the auoydyng of great and chargeable delayes oftentymes happenyng vnto tenauntes, and defendauntes: Be it enacted, that in al caſes wherias the partie plaintife or demaũdaunt, by any ſtatute heretofore made, may haue vppon his or their requeſt made vnto the Juſtices of Niſi prius, within this Realme of Englande, or to the Juſtices of Oyer, or of aſſiſes, of the twelue Shires of Wales, & the Counties palentines of Lancaſter, Cheſter, and Durham, a tales de circumſtantibus, that in al and euery ſuch caſe and caſes, the partie and parties, tenants, actours, and wauntes, and defendauntes (yf the plantieſes or demaundantes ſhall vppon the callyng of the principall pannell or Jurie, forbeare or refuſe to pay the ſame) ſhall and may vpon his or their requeſt or deſyre, haue vpon the ſame recorde, and by the ſame Juſtices, the tales or taleſſes vnto them graunted, in lyke manner, fourme, and degree, to all reſpectes and purpoſes, as the playntieſe or demaundaunt in any ſuite or action may haue the ſame, by any ſtatute or ordinaunce heretofore made, or ſet foorth, and the rather for the ſpeedie triall of the iſſue and iſſues ioyned, or hereafter to be ioyned in any plee, ſuite, or action: any law, cuſtome, or vſage heretofore vſed to the contrary therof in any wiſe, notwithſtanding.

Prouided alſo, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that all populer actions, informations, billes, or ſuites,

Maiestie, with the assent of the lordes Spirituall and temporall, and the Commons in this presente Parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all suche recoueries hereafter to be had or prosecuted by agreement of the parties, or by couine, as is aforesayde, agaynst any suche perticuler tenaunt of any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whereof the same perticuler tenaunt is, or hereafter shalbe seysed of any suche perticuler estate, as is aforesayde, or agaynst any other with voucher ouer of any such perticuler tenaunt, or of any hauyng, or that had ryght or title to any suche perticuler estate or tenauncie, as is aforesayde, shal from henceforth, as agaynst suche personne or personns to whom any reuertion or remaynder thereof, by force of any conueyaunce or deuice before that tyme had or made, shall, ought or lawfully may apperteyne, and agaynst their heyres and successours, be clearely and vtterly voyde and of none effect: any law or vsage heretofore had to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alway, that this act, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shal extende, or be prejudiciall to any person or persons, that shal hereafter by good title recouer any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, without fraud or couine, by reason of any former right, or title: but that all and euery suche recouerie, and recoueries, so to be had or prosecuted vppon former rightes or titles, shal stand and be in lyke force, strength, and effect, as they were before the makyng of this acte: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that all and euery suche recouerie and recoueries, to be had or prosecuted of any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, as aforesayde, by the assent and agreement of any person or personnes, to whom any reuertion or remaynder thereof then shall or ought to apparteyne (so that the same assent & agreement doo appeare of recorde in any court of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres or successours) shall stande and be in lyke force, strength, and of lyke effecte, agaynst suche person and personnes that shall so assent and agree, theyr heyres and successours, as they were before the makyng of this act: any thing herein conteyned to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that one act made in the xxxii. yeere of our late Soueraigne Lorde kyng Henry the eyght, entituled, An acte for the auoydyng of recoueries by collusions by tenantes for terme of lyfe, shalbe from the fyrste day

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Prouided alſo, and be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that all populer actions, informations, bylles, or ſuites,

ſuites, commenced or had, or hereafter to be commenced or had in any the Queenes Maieſties courtes of recorde, vppon any penall lawes or ſtatutes, wherein any perſon dooth, or ſhall ſue, or proſecute, or inſourme, aſwell for the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres and ſucceſſours, as for hym ſelfe, wherevppon iſſue is or ſhalbe ioyned to be tryed by the Countrey: that therein the partie defendaunt, or defendauntes, ſhalbe admitted to pray and haue a tales de circumſtantibus, as in other caſes aforeſayd.

An act to reſourme the *exceſſiue length of karſies.*

The. x. Chapter.

WHERE as within this Realme of Englande, karſies, called ordinarie karſies, haue not, nor doo not vſually contayne aboue ſeuenteene yardes, and the finer ſort, called ſortyng karſies, not aboue eyghteene yardes, and accordyng to the proportion of the ſayde lengthes, the wayght hath ben limitted by the ſtatutes nowe remaynyng in force for true makyng of woollen karſies: and where the Queenes Maieſtie hath been, is, and ought to be anſweared of her Maieſties cuſtomes and ſubſidies of the ſayde karſies, accordyng to the number of peeces, or whole karſies, and not accordyng to the quantitie or number of yardes in euery of the ſayde karſies conteyned: and where certayne merchant ſtraungers, and others, vſyng the trade of tranſportyng karſies by way of merchandize beyonde the ſeas, haue of late deuiſed and procured to haue karſies made of much greater lengthes, as of xxb. and xxvi. yardes and more, and intend, as it may be wel geathered, to haue them made of greater length from tyme to tyme, by whiche policie they doo not onely deceiue the Queenes Maieſtie of one third

thirde parte of her cuſtomes and ſubſidies due for the ſame karſies, for that euery two karſies, nowe paying cuſtome but for two karſies, doo by the ſayde meane conteyne more then three karſies, that were woont to yeelde cuſtome for three karſies: but alſo the poore Artificers, Weauers, and other Workemen, occupying making of the ſayde karſies, are litle or nothing more conſydered in theyr wages for the making of the ſaid long karſies: Moreouer the Merchauntes of Englande vſing the trade of buying the ſayde vſuall ordinarie ſortes, or others, are eaſyly eaten vp and vndone by the ſayde ſtraungers, for that the ſayde ſtraungers conueying by deceipt ſo muche of her Maieſties cuſtome, are able by ſelling beyond the ſeas, vnder the Engliſhe Merchauntes price, to driue al the Engliſhe Merchauntes to looſe, and Engliſhe ſubiectes makers of ordinarie karſies, are by the ſayde ſubtil aduantage driuen from theyr trade, and lykely to be ſhortly enforſed to chaunge theyr Loumes, Milles, and other inſtrumentes, for that no other ſorte of karſies, in reſpecte of the gayne in diſceauing her Maieſtie, are likely to be vſually bought: whiche newe deuiſe is to the great defrauding of her Maieſtie, to the vndoing of her ſubiectes the Engliſhe Merchauntes, and the clothiers vſing the making of karſies, and of an infinite number of poore families ſuſteyned by workmanſhyp about the ſame.

Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes highneſſe, the Lordes Spiritual and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, that from and after the feaſt of Saint Bartholomewe the Apoſtle next enſuing, it ſhal not be lawfull for any perſon or perſons, vſing, or that ſhal vſe the trade of making of karſies, to make or cauſe to be made any karſies of the ſorte called ordinarie karſies, or any ſortyng karſies, or any other karſies, by what name or names ſo euer they be called, aboue the length of eyghteene yardes at the moſt, to be meaſured by yarde and inche being redy made: but that all karſies ſhalbe made of the ſayde vſuall lengthes, and accordyng to the proportion of weyght limitted by the ſtatute in that behalfe made and prouided the foureth and fyfth yeeres of the raignes of the late kyng Philip and Queene Maria, vppon payne that euery perſon or perſons, that ſhall make, or cauſe to be made anye ſuche karſie or karſies, of more or greater length then eyghteene yardes, ſhall forfeyte for euery ſuche karſie .xl.s. the one moytie whereof ſhalbe to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres and ſucceſſours, and the other moytie to hym or them that wyll ſue for the ſame, by byll, playnt, or information in any of the Queenes Maieſties Courtes

of recorde, wherein no essoigne, protection, or wager of lawe, for the defendaunt shalbe admitted or alowed.

Prouided, that yf any harlie or harlies, beyng purposely made to conteyne eyghteene yardes in length, and no more, shal by occasion happen to conteyne aboue eyghteene yardes, and beyng vnder nyneteene yardes in length, that the maker or makers of anye suche harlie or harlies, shall not incurre the penaltie aboue conteyned, any thyng before mentioned to the contrary, notwithstandyn.

An Acte for the continuation, explanation, perfiting, and enlargyng of diuers statutes.

Chapter, xi.

WHere in the Parliament holden vppon prorogation at Westminster the fourth day of Februarie, in the .xxiii. yeere of the reigne of the late kyng Henrye the eyght, one acte was there made, entituled, An acte to continue and renewe the acte made agaynst killyng of Calues: and one other acte entituled, An acte agaynst kyllyng of young beastes, called waynlynges. And where in the Session of a Parliament ended at Westminster in the kyttle day of Februarie, in the fourth yeere of the reigne of our late soueraigne Lorde kyng Edwarde the syxth, one acte was made concernyng the buying and sellyng of rother beastes: and also one other acte was then and there lyke wyse made, entituled, An acte for the buying and selling of butter and cheese. And where also an acte was made in the fyrst Session of the Parliament holden in the fyfth yeere of the Queenes Maiesties reigne, entituled, An acte for the mayntenaunce and encrease of Tyllage. And where also in the Parliament

ment begun at Weſtminſter, in the.xxiii. day of Januarie, in ỹ firſt yeere of the reigne of the Queenes Maieſtie that nowe is, and there continued by prorogation vntill the diſſolution therof, one acte was then and there made, entituled, An acte for the preſervation of ſpawne and frye of fiſhe. And where alſo in the firſte ſeſſion of the Parliament begunne and holden at Weſtminſter, in the fyfth yeere of the reigne of our ſoueraigne Lady the Queenes maieſtie that now is, and from thence continued by prorogation vntil the diſſolution thereof, one acte was then and there made, entituled, An act for the auoiding of diuers forraigne wares, made by handicraftes men beyond the ſeas: and one other acte entituled, An acte for the punifhment of ſuch perſons as ſhould procure or commit any wilful periury: which actes were limitted to endure to thend of the next Parliament. And where alſo in the laſt ſeſſion of the ſame Parliament, holden by prorogatiõ at Weſtminſter, in the eight yeere of the reigne of the Queenes moſt excellent maieſtie that now is, one acte was then and there made, entituled, An acte for Bowyers, and the prices of bowes, & was made to continue to thend of the firſt ſeſſion of the next Parliament: and alſo one other act was then made, entituled, An act for the preſeruation of graine: All whiche ſeueral actes and ſtatutes were made to continue but for certayne tymes: and al whiche actes made in the ſayde fourth yeere of king Edward the ſixth, and of the ſaid firſt, fifth, and eight yeeres of the Queenes Maieſties reigne, were at the laſt parliament holden at Weſtminſter the ſeconde day of Aprill, in the thirteenth yeere of the reigne of our ſaid ſoueraigne Lady the queenes maieſtie, made to continue & ſtand in force vnto thend of the next Parliament then next folowing. And where alſo in the parliament begunne and holden at Weſtminſter the ſeconde day of Aprill, in the thirteenth yeere of the reigne of our ſayd Soueraigne Lady the Queene, one acte and ſtatute was then & there made, for the auoyding and abolifhing of faigned, couenous, and fraudulent feoffaments, giftes, graunts, alienations, conueyaunces, bondes, ſuites, iudgementes, and executions, entituled, An act againſt fraudulent deedes, giftes, graunts, alienations. &c. whiche acte and ſtatute was then made to endure vnto the ende of the firſt ſeſſion of the nert Parliament, as by the ſayd act more playnely wyl appeare. And where alſo in the ſayde Parliament begunne and holden at Weſtminſter in the ſayde ſecond day of Aprill, there was alſo one other act and ſtatute made for the auoiding of ſome leaſſes in certaine

cases to be made of ecclesiastical promotions with cure, entituled, An act touching leases of benefices, & other Ecclesiastial lyuinges with cure, which act was lykewyse made to continue to the ende of the next Parliament. And where also there was one other act and statute made in the said parliament begunne and holden at westminster the sayd seconde day of Aprill, in the sayd thirtienth yeere, entituled, An acte that Purueyours may take graine, corne, or victuailes within fiue miles of Cãbridge and Oxforde in certayne cases, whiche acte was made likewise to continue to the last day of the next parliament.

And where in the statute made in the thirtienth yeere of the Queenes maiesties raigne, entituled, An act for the reuiuyng & continuaunce of certaine statutes, is cõteined one prouiso, that the sayd act concernyng the auoyding of forraigne wares made by handycraftes men beyonde the seas, or any clause, article, or meanyng therein conteyned, shoulde not in any wyse extend or be preiudicial to any entercourse, or treatise of any entercourse then standing in force, had or made betweene the progenitours of the Queenes Maiestie, or her highnesse, & any others. Nowe for good consyderations, and specially that straungers may not be at libertie, and the Queenes Maiesties natural subiectes restrayned: be it enacted that the sayd prouiso, and euery clause, article, and matter therein conteyned, shal from henceforth be repelled, and vtterly voyde.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that these woordes (so soone as it, or any part therof, shal come to any possession or vse aboue forbidden, or) which woordes are conteyned in the sayd statute made in the said thirtienth yeere, touchyng leases of benefices, and other Ecclesiastical lyuinges with cure, shal not be reuiued by this act, but remaine discontinued, and shal from henceforth be omitted out of the sayd acte, any thyng in the sayde acte, or in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And where sundry euyl disposed persons haue defrauded the true meanyng of the sayde last mentioned statute, made in the sayd .xiii. yeere, by bondes and couenauntes of sufferyng other persons to enioy Ecclesiastical liuinges, and the fruites therof, for that such bondes and couenauntes are not in law taken to be leases, although in deed they amount to as much: be it therfore enacted, that al bondes, contractes, promises, & couenauntes hereafter to be made, for sufferyng or permitting any person to enioy any benefice, or Ecclesiastical promotion with cure, or to take profites or fruites therof, other then such bondes and

couenauntes,

couenauntes, as shalbe made for assuraunce of any lease heretofore made, shalbe to al intentes and purposes adiudged of suche force and validitie, and not otherwise, as leases by the same persons made of such benefices and Ecclesiastical promotions with cure.

And be it further declared and enacted, that al leases, bondes, promises, and couenauntes, of and concerning benefices & Ecclesiastical liuinges with cure, to be made by any curate, shalbe of none other, nor better force, validitie, or continuance, then yf the same had ben made by the beneficed person him selfe, that demised, or shal demise the same to any such Curate.

And where in one other act made in the said thirtienth yere, entituled, An act against fraudulent giftes, to the intent to defeate dilapidations of Ecclesiastical liuinges, & for leasses to be graunted by collegiat churches, there is one braunch to auoid certaine leases to be made by maisters and felowes of Colledges, Deanes and Chapters of Cathedral or Collegiat churches, maisters or gardians of any Hospital, or by any Parson, Vicar, or any other hauing any spiritual or Ecclesiastical liuing: Be it enacted, that the sayd braunch, nor any thing therin conteyned, shal not extende to any graunt, assuraunce, or lease of any houses belongyng to any the persons, bodyes politique or corporate aforesaid, nor to any groundes to such houses apparteyning, which houses be scituate in any Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or market Towne, or the suburbes of any of them, but that al such houses and groundes may be graunted, demised, and assured, as by the lawes of this Realme, and the seueral statutes of the said Colledges, cathedral Churches, and Hospitalles, they lawfully myght haue been before the making of the sayde statute, or lawfully myght be, if the sayd statute were not: so alway that suche house be not the Capital or dwellyng house vsed for the habitation of the persons abouesayd, nor haue grounde to the same belongyng, aboue the quantitie of tenne acres: any thyng in the sayde acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted, that al summes of mony hereafter to be recouered, for, or in name of dilapidations, by sentence, composition, or otherwise, shal within two yeeres after such receipt, be truely employed vpon the buildinges and reparations, in respecte wherof such mony for dilapidations shalbe paid, on paine that euery person so receiuing, and not imploying as aforesayd, shal forfeyte double as much as so shal be by hym receyued, and not imployed, the whiche forfeyture shalbe to the vse of the

Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours.

Prouided alway, and be it enacted, that no lease shalbe permitted to be made by force of this act in reuertiō, nor without reseruing the accustomed yeerely rent at the least, nor without chargyng the lesses with the reparations, nor for longer terme then fourtie yeeres at the most, nor any houses shalbe permitted to be aliened, vnlesse that in recompence thereof, there shalbe afore, with, or presently after such alienation, good, lawful, & sufficient assuraunce made in fee simple absolutely to such Colledges, houses, bodies politike or corporate, & theyr successours, of landes of as good value, and of as great yeerely value at the least, as so shalbe aliened: any statute to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And for as muche as al the same seueral actes and statutes, and euery of them, do seeme good, beneficial, and needeful to be further continued for the weale and profite of this Realme: Be it therfore now enacted by the queenes most excellent maiestie, with the assent of the Lordes spiritual and temporal, & the commons in this present Parliament assembled, & by the aucthoritie of the same, that the same seueral actes and statutes, and euery of them, and al and euery article, clause, and sentence in them and euery of them conteyned, shal continue, be, and endure in ful force and effect, vntil the ende of the next Parliament.

An Acte for the repeale of

a statute made Anno.viii. of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, touchyng the Towne of Shrewesburie.

Chapter.xii.

WHERE at the parliament holden at Westminster the last day of September, in the eyght yeere of the raigne of our soueraigne Lady the Queenes most excellent Maiestie, there was an act made, entituled, An acte touching Drapers, Cottoners, & Fryzers, in the towne of Shrewesburie, in the Countie of Salop: and in the same

ſame acte there is conteyned matter then ſuppoſed for the benefite of the ſayd towne of Shrewesburie, in aduaunceyng the corporation of Drapers, Cottoners, and Frizers of the ſayd towne. And it was thereby enacted, that from and after the feaſt of Eaſter, then next enſuing, no maner perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, inhabiting and dwelling within the ſayd Towne of Shrewesbury, or the liberties or franchiſes of ỹ ſame towne, other then ſuch as then had, or then after ſhould ſerue as apprentice in the occupation or ſcience of Drapers, or then had ben, or thereafter ſhould be free of the ſayde ſcience or myſterie, ſhould occupie, vſe, exercile, or frequent the ſaid trade, art, miſterie, or ſcience of buying of the ſaid Welſhe cloth, or lining, cottons, frizes, or plaines: nor haue any factor or doer for him or them in the ſame, nor by any colour, engin, or fraud, buy any of the ſayd frizes, lininges, cottons, & playnes, vpon payne that euery perſon & perſons inhabiting as is aforeſayd, and occupying, vſyng, or exerciſing the ſayde trade, arte, myſterie, occupation, or ſcience of buying of Welſhe clothes and linings. &c. and not authorized by the act, ſhould loſe and forfeite for euery peece of the ſaid clothes bought, ſixe ſhyllynges and eyght pence.

And where ſithens the makyng of the ſayde acte, experience hath playnely taught in the ſayd Towne, that the ſayd act hath not onely not brought the good effecte that then was hoped and ſurmiſed, but alſo hath been, and nowe is lykely to be the very greateſt cauſe of the impouerifhing & vndooing of the poore artificers and other, at whoſe ſuite the ſaid act was procured, for that there be now ſithens the makyng of the ſayd ſtatute, much fewer perſons to ſet them a worke, then before: and by reſtraynning al other inhabitours of the ſaid Towne of Shrewesbury, from the former lawfull trade euer heretofore vſed of buying of Welſhe clothes, frizes, cottons, lyninges, and playnes (leauing the ſame neuertheleſſe free for all the ſubiectes of Englande without any reſtraint, ſauyng for the ſaid inhabitauntes of the Towne of Shrewesbury, and the liberties & franchiſes of the ſame towne only) hath ben the euident occaſion of great decay, not onely to the ſayd towne, and the liberties and franchiſes of the ſame, but alſo to a great and infinite number of poore people in North wales, that is to ſay, in the counties of Mountgomery, Denbigh, Merionneth, and alſo the towne of Oſweſter, and the greateſt parte of the countrey there aboutes, where the ſayd Welſhe clothes, fryzes, cottons, lininges, and playnes are made and ſolde, which were woont to be maynteyned and relieued

lieued by trade of makyng or wooꝛkyng of the sayd fryzes, cottons, &c. contrary to the expectation that then was wrongfully conceyued.

Be it therefoꝛe, at the humble suite of the inhabitantes of the sayde Towne, and also of the sayd artificers, foꝛ whose benefite the sayde act was supposed to be pꝛouided, enacted, that the said act, and al the matter in the sayd act conteined, shal from henceforth be repealed and made voyde: any thing in the sayde act to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Pꝛouided alwayes, that so muche of the sayde statute of the eight yeere of our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, and euery article and bꝛanche therein conteyned, as toucheth the pꝛesent and redy paiment of money to Sheremen, Cottoners, and Fryzers, foꝛ their wooꝛke, and also as toucheth the restraynt of suche as shall, oꝛ doo occupie oꝛ vse the trade of buying of fryzes, cottons, oꝛ plaines, from the vse oꝛ exercise of the faculti of frizing oꝛ cottoning, shall stande and be in foꝛce: any thing in this statute to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

An acte for the annexing of Hexam and Hexamshire, to the *Countie of Northumberlande.*

Chapter.xiii.

Here for the space of diuers yeres nowe past, the queene her highnesse, and her most noble and dearely beloued father king Henry theight, king Edward the sixth her highnes bꝛother, queene Mary her late sister, as in theright of the imperial cꝛown of this realme of Englande, by reason of one exchaunge had and passed betweene the saide late king Henry theyght,

theyght, and the late reuerend father Robart Archbishop of Yorke, in the yeere of the most noble raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry, haue ben, and her Maiestie yet is seased of and in the franchyse and libertie of Hexam and Hexamshire, lying within the bodye and middle of the Countie of Northumberlande, whiche sayde lybertie and territorie, when it was in the handes of the sayde Archbyshop, was commonly tearmed and named a Countie Palentine, where in ryght or proofe there was none suche, yet by reason of that errour, euer since, and yet, there hath been, and are diuers opinions, beysdes some question and doubtes, whether the sayde libertie and territorie of Hexam and Hexamshire, shoulde and ought to be part of the sayde Countie of Northumberlande, or otherwyse exempted: and whether the dwellers and inhabitours there, should and ought to be tuitifiable, and answeare to iustice as other of the sayde countie of Northumberlande are, and ought, or not: and the like question and doubt yet is, and remayneth. By reason whereof, not onely Plees of the Crowne, and suites betwirt partie and partie, haue suffered continual stayes, lets, and also haue had no ende of tryal, and besides, the most and greatest offendours to the crowne and their countrey, haue, and dayly run thither as vnto a sanctuarie, vpon hope and trust of refuge and safegard thereby, to the great comfort and encouragement of many, the vilest and worst subiectes and offendours in all the North parties, and to the great offence of the almyghtie, and most manifest hinderaunce of good execution of lawes and iustice. In and for due remedie and redresse of suche great enormities & apparaunt mischieues, may it therefore please the Queene her Maiestie, that by her hyghnes, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present high court of Parliament nowe assembled, that it may be enacted, manifested, and declared by auctoritie of the same, that the sayde territorie, franchise, and libertie of Hexam and Hexamshire, with the liberties of the same, may be, is, and shalbe from hencefoorth taken to be within, and part, parcell, and member of the sayde countie of Northumberlande. And that alwel the Plees of the Crowne, as also al suites betwirt partie and partie, may proceed and haue their due ende and triall within the sayde countie of Northumberlande, by and before the Shyriffe and Coroners of the sayde Shire, and also before the Iustices of peace, Iustices of gaole deliuerie, Iustices of assise, Nisi prius, Oyer and determiner, and other officers, and eche and euery of them, as the case shall require, and take effectes, as any of the lyke haue been, or ought to be, which haue hapned, or shall hereafter happen within the sayde countie of Northumberlande:

lande: and that from henceforth the Shiriffe and other officers of the Countie of Northumberlande, for the tyme beyng, may haue full power and aucthoritie to execute his or their office, and all proceſſes to hym or them directed within Heram and Heramſhire, and liberties of the ſame, in as ample and large manner, as he or they may, ſhoulde, or ought to doo, within any other parte of the ſayde Countie of Northumberlande: any graunt, priuiledge, cuſtome, vſage, libertie, or thing els whatſoeuer heretofore made, claymed, vſed, had, put in vre or execution, or enioyed, to the contrary, notwithſtandyng. Sauyng to the Bayliffe of the liberties, or other officers of the ſayde Towne of Heram and Heramſhire, or the liberties thereof, all liberties and priuiledges for executing of proceſſe, returne of writtes, and otherwiſe, as they or any of them of ryght ought to haue before the makyng of this acte.

A Table of certayne actes paſſed Anno. xiiij. Reginæ Elizabethe, and not printed.

AN acte for the aſſuraunce of gyftes, grauntes, &c. made, and to be made for the relefe of the poore in Hoſpitals. &c.

An acte for the aſſuraunce of certayne landes, and tenementes, accordyng to the meaning of Syr Thomas and Syr William Woodhouſe, Knyghtes, for the benefite of certaine infantes.

An acte for the continuaunce of the inning of Plumſted marſhe, in the countie of Kent, beyng ſurrounded.

An acte for the better and further aſſuraunce of certayne landes, and tenementes, to the mayntenaunce of the free Grammer ſcoole of Tunbridge, in the countie of Kent.

God ſaue the Queene.

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